



IDEAL Community News

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IDEAL: President: Doug Brown 5865 5207, **Vice President:** Vin Manly 5865 5209,
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The IDEAL committee wish to thank Sharon Wright for her time as editor and welcome Helen Osborne as the new editor. This is a voluntary position and their contribution is greatly appreciated. The first issue was in September 1992 and it is great that it has continued regularly since.

LANDCARE: Plant a tree in remembrance of your Mum. Goulburn Murray Landcare is holding a Trees for Mum planting day at the Shepparton Weir (at the end of the Boulevard near the cemetery). Come and plant a remembrance tree and enjoy a free morning tea on Sunday 26th May from 10am till 12 noon. To register or for more information please contact gmln@iinet.net.au or phone 5821 3530.

INVERGORDON GROUNDS COMMITTEE: President: Max Wright 5865 5026, **Secretary:** Rick Orr 0417 035 634, **Treasurer:** Rose Parish 5865 5151, **Booking Officer** (for hiring the facilities) Rose Parish 5865 5151.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 10 at 7.30pm.**

The lights on the first 2 tennis courts are now operating on a time clock which can be set for a maximum of 1 hour and time added later if needed, the light switch above the time clock just needs to be turned to the "ON" position. If the lights go out they require approx 10 minutes to cool down prior to starting up again. The Invergordon Grounds Committee has made the tennis court lights available free of charge but requests users be conscious of not wasting power by running lights unnecessarily. The light switch can be turned off if you finish prior to the time clock reaching zero.

We now have the information to complete online training for using the defibrillator. Rick will be contacting all the user groups to make them aware, but is happy to hear from anyone else who may have a need to use the machine, while hiring the rooms.

INVERGORDON COMMUNITY GROUP: The Community Group meets at 7pm prior to the Grounds Committee quarterly meetings. Its focus is to raise and discuss issues of local importance and refer them to relevant authorities. All interested residents are encouraged to attend.

INVERGORDON FRUITGROWERS ASSOCIATION: Remind everyone to be vigilant in monitoring and controlling fruit fly on their properties. This is one insect pest we cannot let take hold in the area.

INVERGORDON HISTORY HALL: A reminder that the History Hall is open on the third Sunday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 pm or by special appointment for family or other groups. Upcoming dates are May 19th, June 16th and July 21st. If anyone has memorabilia or historical photographs to donate of the district please contact Vin Manly on 5865 5209. Photographs can be scanned and returned if required. There are only a few copies of the history book still available for sale at \$20. The History Hall is located at the Recreation Reserve on Centre Road. For further information or special opening requests please phone Rosemary Kennett on 5862 1707.

UNITING CHURCH: Invergordon & Katamatite combine & alternate between the two churches for 11:00am Sunday Service – Katamatite April and June, Invergordon May and July. The one exception is May 19th when there will be a combined Parish Service at Cobram at 9:15am. This service will be celebrating 100 years since the official opening of the church at Cobram, followed by a morning tea. Contact Joan & Vin Manly 5865 5209.

INVERGORDON CRICKET CLUB: President: Daniel Bye 0418 322 684.

INVERGORDON INDOOR BOWLS: President: Rodney Clarke 5865 5364, **Vice President:** Marg McClelland, **Secretary:** Joyce Crichton 5865 5523, **Treasurer:** Shirley Clarke 5865 5364.

The A.G.M was held on Sunday 7th of April and the above office bearers for 2013 were elected.

As we are able to get Public Liability cover through becoming a member of Victoria Indoor Bias Bowls Association (VIBBA), we will be able to use the Community Rooms under a Shire agreement. We will enter a team in the Numurkah Association Pennant Season commencing on Thursday May 2nd.

We play Thursday nights, alternating home and away games, anyone is welcome as we are always looking for new members to join. Please contact Joyce Crichton for further information.

INVERGORDON & KATANDRA PONY CLUB:

President: Sarah

Campbell, 0437 251 575, **Secretary:** Leanne Rovers 5865 5409,

DC: Melissa Blair 0418 278 5425

Our first rally for the year saw five new riders “Come & Try Pony Club”. All had a great day and are now regulars at our rallies. Our instructors for the day were Toni Gough and Javais Ham. This was Javais’s first time at our club and all riders enjoyed her flatwork instruction. Toni did a great job in the jumping arena and is a regular instructor in our club.

The March rally was a 2 day sleepover at the grounds, starting after lunch. Games started off the afternoon with barrel and bending races, with times set to official standards. After games, there was a “Painting Of The Poles” competition, all riders showed off their artistic flare, with all sorts of designs. The jumping poles are now bright and colourful, as were quite a few riders and their clothes!

The day finished with a BBQ tea for families. Parents & riders brought along tents, caravans, and swags to sleep in. On Sunday morning after breakfast, riders went to the Community rooms and oval for a ride to time challenge. The horses seemed to go well, but it is obvious that some of our older riders need a bit more practice at estimating their riding times! This rally was a great success, and proved a great way for everyone to get to know each other. The riders have asked for this sleepover rally to be a regular event each year.

Our April rally had an Easter theme. We started the day with an Easter egg hunt, and riders found lots of eggs in the sand and jumping arenas. Our rally day then began with four instructors organised. Our riders did flatwork, jumping, games and pole work. As we have a wide variety of riders, from beginners on leads, to older more experienced riders, we have a mixture of instructors to cater for everyone.

Our Pony Club rallies are held on the first Sunday of each month, at the corner of Youanmite and Centre Roads, Invergordon. New families are welcome, and the membership year is from the 1st of July, so now is the time to join.

INVERGORDON/KATANDRA COMMUNITY CHURCH: Church meetings are held on alternate Fridays from 7.30pm at the Invergordon Community Centre. There are various speakers, a special children’s message and a “cuppa” afterwards. Next meeting dates are: May 3rd, 17th & 31st, June 14th & 28th, July 12th & 26th. For further information, phone Rose Parish on 0400 655 154.

RECYCLING: The Moira Shire transfer station at Yabba accepts recyclables free of charge. Opening hours are every Sunday from 9am-12noon.

INVERGORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL: Invergordon Primary School is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Treena Stephens as principal after spending first term in the Acting Principal role. Treena is looking forward to building on the relationships she has formed with students and their families and further developing the excellent educational opportunities offered at our local school.

Term One had an exciting conclusion when staff from the Shepparton News arrived with a carload of Easter Eggs, the prize for collecting the most tokens in the annual Easter competition. Students enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt and each family was lucky enough to take home a generous quantity of chocolate.

Other highlights of the term have included a visit from the Katandra West CFA where students had the opportunity to use the fire extinguishers, inspect the tanker and have questions answered by brigade members. Local orchardist, Doug Brown, also paid a visit and explained the importance of being vigilant for Queensland Fruit Fly and showed students the traps used to detect the pests.

Invergordon joined with 11 other small rural primary schools to compete in Athletics Sports at McEwen Reserve in Shepparton on March 25. The weeks of training, with the assistance of coaching from several parents, ensured the Invergordon students were competitive and even more pleasing, showed great sportsmanship.

School Council Elections were held early in March with the following elected; Toni Adams (President), Belinda Blackburn (Vice-President), Mandie Dempster (Secretary), Raelene Jarrott (Parents' Club rep), Treena Stephens and Cheryl Thomas (Staff). The school is pleased to have so many parents willing to take on these vital roles.

In the classroom all year levels have enjoyed their weekly buddy sessions when a senior and a junior student are teamed to work together to foster positive relationships between the different age groups.

Parents Club has been active conducting a Spring Bulb drive, an Easter raffle and selling Hot Cross Buns. These fundraisers have netted approximately \$620 for the school. The school was also the recipient of \$1500 worth of Stihl garden equipment, courtesy of a competition won by former student, and now Port Adelaide footballer, Thomas Clurey. These items will be of great use to the dedicated group of parents who spend hours each month maintaining the school grounds and gardens.

Senior students have spent part of one day at Numurkah Secondary College participating in a woodwork class as part of the college's transition program. Another day, this time with a sport focus, is planned for June. These transition days, which usually involve students from other small rural primary schools, are valuable in giving students a small taste of what secondary school is all about.

There are many opportunities for community members to be involved with the school. Please keep your eye on the noticeboard at the Invergordon Store for our weekly newsletter which is kindly displayed by Carol and Greg. For further information about the school please contact the office on 5865 5287.

GOULBURN VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY: MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE – The bookmobile visits Invergordon on a fortnightly basis (Thursdays) outside Invergordon Primary School from 9:30 to 11:00am. Membership of the library service is free. The bookmobile will be in Invergordon on May 9th and 23rd and on June 6th and 20th. For information please contact GVRL 5832 1600.

STORYTIME: Numurkah Library hosts a monthly story telling session for pre-school aged children which is a fun way to help youngsters develop a love of, and respect for books. Upcoming sessions are on Tuesday May 21st & June 18th from 10:30-11:30am. For further information contact the GVRLS on 1300 374765.

KANDRA WEST PLAY GROUP: Katandra West Primary School holds a Playgroup for parents/carers of babies to preschool aged children every Friday morning from 9:15am to 10:45am during the school term. Gold coin donation, for more information please contact Katandra West Primary School on 5828 3350.

YOUANMITE CWA & COMMUNITY NEWS: Central Murray Group Exhibition held was in Katamatite Hall March 22nd. Good display in all sections, with the exception of Floral Art and Plants, these two sections were down owing to hot and dry weather. Youanmite did well in all sections, Strathmerton won the Floral Art section and the winner of hamper was Val Pendlebury.

Youanmite Craft Group's last craft project was footstools, been completed on Monday 22nd April.

CWA Central Murray Mystery Trip was well supported ending up in Castlemaine visiting Woop Woop on Black Jack Road for morning tea, it was most unusual and made from bits and pieces, well worth a visit. Also visited were Buda Historical Home and Garden and The Old Shop.

Social Connection Group went to Yarrowonga for a ride on a river boat & lunch.

Upcoming events include our Winter Casserole Lunch to be held on Wednesday 26th June, stalls and entertainment for all to enjoy.

CWA Youanmite Craft meets the forth Monday of the month from 10:30-3:00pm, next meetings 27th May and 24th June. CWA Youanmite meets on the first Thursday of month, next meetings 6th May and 3rd June. New members are always welcome. For further enquiries please phone Alma 5828 5236 or Linda 5828 5203.

COBRAM COMMUNITY HOUSE: Upcoming courses include: Victorian RSA Tuesday 22nd May from 9:30am-1:30pm and Tuesday 25th June 6:00-9:00pm cost \$90; First Aid Friday 28th June cost \$190 (Full fee, workbook included), \$155 (refresher); Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation-CPR Friday June 28th from 9am-12noon cost \$75. For further information visit www.cch.vic.edu.au or phone CCH 5872 2224.

KATAMATITE LIONS CLUB: President: Spencley Curtis 0428 211 389, **Secretary:** Mark Nordbye 0438 060 959.

The Katamatite Lions Club is currently looking for new members. They meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Homestead Hotel in Katamatite at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm dinner meeting.

The club is actively involved in the community and would welcome anyone interested in being involved. Next meeting dates are May 13th and 27th and June 10th and 24th. For further information please contact Spencley or Mark

... FIREWOOD FOR SALE ...

KATAMATITE LIONS CLUB is selling split redgum firewood for \$120 per cubic metre picked up at Katamatite or \$125 per cubic metre delivered locally. This is good dry redgum ready to burn. Please contact Rob Wood on 5865 1440 or Greg Monk on 0408 385 343

NUMURKAH TOY LIBRARY: The Numurkah Toy Library is open to all members of the community. They are a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers. Their aim is to provide high quality and educational toys to families and children that promote learning through play.

The Toy Library is located within the Numurkah Children's Service Centre (behind Numurkah Visitor Information Centre) and are open on Monday and Saturdays from 10:30am to 11:30am. To see their full range of toys and membership details please visit www.numurkahtoylibrary.com.

NEXT IDEAL: The IDEAL newsletter is published and delivered to local properties every two months. If you community group has items to include please forward them to Helen Osborne via e-mail to helen@robandhelen.com by Friday 21st June 2013.